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## **HENDERSON FEDERAL DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS 2 MONTHS FOR METH TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

OWENSBORO, KY - **James Dean Morgan, Jr.**, age 25, of Uniontown, Kentucky, in Henderson County, was sentenced to 9 years and 2 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Owensboro, for distributing methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Morgan to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Morgan pled guilty on March 6, 2007, to distributing methamphetamine and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Morgan admitted to selling 27.91 grams of methamphetamine and a Beretta pistol to an undercover officer for \$1,300 on January 9, 2006. He further admitted that on January 18, 2006, he sold 27.499 grams of methamphetamine to the same undercover officer for \$1,300. The drugs involved had a street value of over \$5,500.

Morgan was previously convicted on May 24, 2004, Henderson Circuit Court, Henderson County, Kentucky, Case No. 03-CR-370, of Receiving Stolen Property over \$300 committed on or about October 7, 2003.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison Sewell, and the Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Kentucky State Police, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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